

APPROVED MINUTES

State of Minnesota

County of Chisago

Town of Franconia

The Franconia Town Board met June 21, 2011 at the Franconia Town Hall with the following present: Supervisors: Verner Greene Jr, Sue Thompson, Jim Birkholz; David Johnson, Treasurer;; Susan Peterson, Deputy Clerk. Guests: Bob Bieraugel, Kevin Gannon, Steve Putman, John Bruno, Terryl Succo, Jerry Succo, Jason Succo, Steve Wariakois, Brenda Wariakois, Larry Bertrand, Cliff Swenson, Lorens "Butch" Johnson, Gordon & Nancy Carlson, Jeremy Dresel, Dennis Holt, Eva Terrell, Ted Wariakois

The meeting was called to order by Verner Greene Jr at 7:32 pm and the pledge of allegiance was said.

The minutes of the June 7, 2011 meeting were read. Minor changes were made and a motion was made by Jim Birkholz; second by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

The agenda was set and a motion was made by Jim Birkholz; second by Sue Thompson to approve the agenda. The motion was carried 3-0. The order of the agenda was changed to accommodate topics in regards to guests present.

Citizen/public comments:

Minnesota Highway 95 Project:

Bob Bieraugel presented information about the conditional use permit for an asphalt plant to be located at the 260th Street Aggregate Industries site. It will be a 2 month set up at the east end of the pit site for the Highway 95 project. Kevin Gannon represented Hardrives INC. as the prime contractor for the project. Steve Putman from Chisago County Zoning was also present and provided information regarding the project. Mr. Gannon stated the hours of business will be consistent with previous projects at the site. The asphalt site will not be used for any other projects. Traffic, noise, odor, water control issues and spill prevention were discussed. Time frame of the project will be determined by MN-DOT and the project must be completed on time. Upon completion, normal shutdown and maintenance procedures will take place. Residents request that 260th Street not be used as a detour; the project will be open to traffic and no detours will be posted. Aggregate Industries will maintain the usage of 260th Street during the project as stated in the conditional use permit.

260th Street:

Resident requested a speed limit be posted for 260th Street or other signage to lower the traffic speed. Striping was also discussed. A previous request of the state regarding the speed on 260th has already been denied. No further action is anticipated.

Supervisors Report:

- Rental of a ditch mower and tractor to Chisago City. 2010 rent fee: \$1015. Board approved of rental if Stan Anderson is in agreement.
- The price of a tractor bucket provided by Stan Anderson is acceptable. Motion made by Sue Thompson and second by Jim Birkholz to purchase bucket. Motion carried 3-0.
- Township Contracts were tabled.

- Dennis Freed will be contacted by Susan Peterson re: time table for placing a fee on a resident tax statement.
- DOT sprayed the Highway 95 area for Wild Parsnips.

Treasurer Report:

- Claims # 10377- 10387: total \$35,483.67 submitted.

Old Business:

- Butch Johnson presented insurance information on individual policies.
- Jeremy Dresel discussed plans to proceed on the Quinlan project. A motion to award Dresel the project and proceed as discussed. Motion made by Verner Greene Jr and seconded by Jim Birkholz. Motion passed 3-0.
- Approval to purchase five thousand tons of Class 5 product specifically for Stan Anderson's use within the township.
- Road repairs in general were discussed. How much repair should be made in relation to the age of the road?
- Fire Board discussion regarding relief association and donations

New Business:

- No new business was introduced due to time constraints.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Fire Joint Powers Board: second Tuesday of each month. June 14th, 2011
- Township Officers meeting: Last Wednesday of each month.
- Website Board: First Thursday of each month.

Carry Over to next meeting:

- Township contracts
- Clerk position

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:50 pm by Jim Birkholz; second by Sue Thompson; motion carried 3-0.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;
Susan J Peterson
Franconia Deputy Town Clerk